

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A postal information input apparatus in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, wherein comprising:

~~a first display means which displays on a display device of said input apparatus a first display so as to indicate which indicates that said postal information input apparatus receives a has received data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and also indicates displays an a number of unprocessed number mail items received and assigned to in said postal information input apparatus, is provided.~~

Claim 2. (Currently amended) A postal information input apparatus ~~according to claim 1, wherein~~ for manual entry of a corrected postcode, wherein said postcode is unrecognized by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine, comprising:

a first display which indicates that said postal information input apparatus has received data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and

~~a second display means for displaying on said display device a second display indicating which indicates that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed, is provided.~~

Claim 3. (Original) A postal information input apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said second display is displayed within a display area of said first display.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) A postal information input apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first display is an icon display ~~on a display device of said postal information input apparatus.~~

Claim 5. (Original) A postal information input apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said second display is a display state in which said first display has changed from a first display state of said first display to a second display state thereof.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) A postal information input apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a display deletion means for deleting said ~~first display and said second display~~, when said data to be input corresponding to said ~~first display~~ is input within a predetermined time, is provided.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A postal information input apparatus in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, wherein said postal information input apparatus comprising:

a first display means which ~~displays on a display device of said input apparatus a first display so as to indicate~~ indicates that said postal information input apparatus receives a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and also displays ~~an unprocessed~~ a number of unprocessed mail items received and assigned to in said postal information input apparatus, and

a second display means, which is displayed within a display area of said first display, ~~for displaying a second display indicating and indicates~~ that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A postal information input apparatus in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, wherein said postal information input apparatus comprising:

a first display means which ~~displays on a display device of said input apparatus a first display so as to indicate~~ indicates that said postal information input

apparatus receives a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and also displays an unprocessed number in said postal information input apparatus, and

a second display ~~means~~, which is a display state in which said first display has changed from a first display state of said first display to a second display state thereof, for displaying said second display state indicating that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A postal information input apparatus in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, wherein said postal information input apparatus comprising:

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a first display ~~means which displays on a display device of said input apparatus a first display so as to indicate~~ indicates that said postal information input apparatus receives a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and also displays ~~an unprocessed~~ a number in of unprocessed mail items received and assigned to said postal information input apparatus,

a second display which indicates ~~means for displaying~~ a second display indicating that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed, and

a display deletion means for deleting said first display and said second display, when said data to be input corresponding to said first display is input within a predetermined time.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A postal information input apparatus in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, wherein said postal information input apparatus comprising:

a first display means which displays on a display device of said input apparatus a first display so as to indicate which indicates that said postal information input apparatus receives a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and also displays an unprocessed number in said postal information input apparatus,

a second display means, which is displayed within a display area of said first display, for displaying a second display indicating and which indicates that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed, and

a display deletion means for deleting said first display and said second display, when said data to be input corresponding to said first display is input within a predetermined time.

Claim 11. (Currently amended) A postal information input apparatus in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, wherein said postal information input apparatus comprising:

a first display means which displays on a display device of said input apparatus a first display so as to indicate which indicates that said postal information input apparatus receives a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and also displays an unprocessed number in said postal information input apparatus,

a second display means, which is a display state in which said first display has changed from a first display state of said first display to a second display state thereof, for displaying said second display state indicating that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed, and

a display deletion means for deleting said first display and said second display, when said data to be input corresponding to said first display is input within a predetermined time.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) A data display method of a postal information input apparatus, in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, wherein said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine,

displaying on a display device of said postal information input apparatus a first display indicating that said postal information input apparatus receives a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, upon reception of said data ~~in said step~~,

displaying on said display device a second display indicating that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed, and

deleting said first display and said second display displayed corresponding to said data to be input, when said data to be input being input within said predetermined time.

Claim 13. (Original) A data display method of a postal information input apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said second display is displayed within a display area of said first display.

Claim 14. (Original) A data method of a postal information input apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said second display is a display state in which said first display has changed from a first display state of said first display to a second display state thereof.

Claim 15. (New) A data display method of prompting an operator of a postal information input apparatus to supply a postal code unrecognized by a postal matter sorting machine, comprising:

sending information associated with a rejected mail item whose postal code could not be recognized by the postal matter sorting machine to a postal information input apparatus;

displaying a first indication that information associated with the rejected mail item has been received by the input apparatus and requires operator input;

displaying a second indication of the number of rejected mail items associated with the information received by the input apparatus requiring operator input;

displaying some or all of the information received on the input apparatus display; and

receiving operator input of the correct postcode based on the information displayed.

Claim 16. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

deleting the first indication after operator input has been received.

Claim 17. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

updating the second indication after operator input has been received.

Claim 18. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

displaying a third indication that the operator input has not been received within a predetermined time period.

Claim 19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein said first, second, and third indications are icons.

Claim 20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the third indication is displayed within a display area of the first indication.

Claim 21. (New) A data display method of prompting an operator of a postal information input apparatus to supply a postal code unrecognized by a postal matter sorting machine, comprising:

sending information associated with a rejected mail item whose postal code could not be recognized by the postal matter sorting machine to a postal information input apparatus;

displaying a first indication that information associated with the rejected mail item has been received by the input apparatus and requires operator input;

displaying some or all of the information received on the input apparatus display; and

displaying a second indication that operator input of the correct postcode based on the information displayed has not been received within a predetermined time period.

Claim 22. (New) The method of claim 21, further comprising:

deleting the first indication after operator input has been received.

Claim 23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein said first and second indications are icons.

Claim 24. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the second indication is displayed within a display area of the first indication.